

WOMEN DENY GIBSON TALE IN HALL CASE

Mrs. Voorhees and Mrs. Russell Tell Directly Opposite Stories to Grand Jury.

MILLS IS 13TH WITNESS

Says Authorities Appear to Be on Way to Solving Murder Mystery.

RESPONSIBILITY SHIFTS

Mott Carries Out Intention of Putting Onus Upon Public Inquirers.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
SOMERVILLE, Nov. 22.—The presentation of the Hall-Mills murder case to the Grand Jury of Somerset county by Wilbur A. Mott, Special Deputy Attorney-General, now adjourned until Monday of next week, will result in shifting responsibility for whatever the outcome may be from Mr. Mott's shoulders to the shoulders of twenty men and three women composing the jury.

Mr. Mott took before the Grand Jury to-day three witnesses whose stories, so far as is known, have no bearing on the crime. This made it evident that Mr. Mott will put before the jurors every tale that may possibly be of value, in conformity with Mr. Mott's own statements that his responsibility ends when he has presented the case.

In three days forty-one witnesses have been examined, including thirteen to-day. As luck would have it Jimmie Mills was the thirteenth and last witness of the day.

New Witness Is Called.

One of the so-called "new" witnesses to-day told an interesting story that apparently has no relation to the murder of Hall and Mrs. Mills. She is Mrs. Emma Voorhees, aged 40, the first witness called. She lives two miles beyond De Russys lane on Easton avenue and therefore miles from the scene of the tragedy. She was in the jury room twenty minutes.

Mrs. Voorhees says that on the night of the murder about 10 o'clock, when she was retiring on the second floor of the farmhouse in which she and her husband live, and which is 200 feet from the road, she heard a commotion and looking out saw two motor cars. The front one drew up and the other stopped right behind it. From the first car people jumped out and ran back and at the same time those in the second car alighted. Mrs. Voorhees said the jury it was very dark at night and could not tell how many persons were in the cars, nor whether they were men or women.

When the two groups met, however, she heard loud and angry voices and recognized at least one voice as that of a woman. All in the party seemed to talk at once. Mrs. Voorhees said she heard distinctly only two sentences. They were "What are you doing here?" and "What does this mean?"

Much more talk occurred, the witness continued, and then suddenly two shots were heard. She said she heard the shots but did not see the flashes. The two reports came right together, she said. The group broke up instantly, dividing in two. The lights on both cars had been lighted. They went out at once, Mrs. Voorhees said and the first car shot forward, the driver turning the nose of his machine into Moore Lane to turn around.

Two Cars Speed Away.

Then, at what Mrs. Voorhees says was terrific speed, the car made off toward New Brunswick. The second car followed, but the driver was able to make the turn in the road without heading into the lane.

That is the substance of Mrs. Voorhees's story. She repeated it later to reporters.

Mrs. Voorhees told the reporters that Mrs. Gibson had come to her place to borrow a reaper late in September, and the two talked of the murder. Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Voorhees is certain, did not even intimate at that time that she knew anything about the crime. The Gibson story of being at the Phillips farm and seeing the so-called woman in gray came much later.

The strange thing about the Voorhees story, from an unofficial standpoint, is that she failed to tell it before. She was interviewed at length weeks ago in connection with a story that some negroes in a small automobile threw a tire in front of a car returning to Bound Brook from Red Bank. The behavior of the negroes was considered significant, but it was not taken up by the authorities. Mrs. Voorhees asserted at that time that she had not seen or heard anything of note on the night of the murder.

The two other witnesses who told stories apparently not related to the crime were Nellie L. Russell and George Schneider. The newspaper told the jury that she has told before of Mrs. Gibson, so-called eyewitness, being at her place and not at the Phillips farm on the night of the murder. She told the Grand Jury nothing except that Mrs. Russell was wrong, as he and Theodore Knothe called at the Russell cabin to see her and could not find her. Knothe was called and corroborated Spel. His examination was brief.

Star Witnesses Are Called.

As an offset to these supernumeraries Mr. Mott had on the stand some of the characters, including Jimmie Mills and Charlotte. Jimmie is still wearing that old cloth hat that does not fit him, but Charlotte has a new blue sport hat and she and Louise Geist, maid in the Hall home, who is now affecting a beaver snuff, had quite a sociable day of it in the circular corridor in front of the Grand Jury room in the court house.

It was clear that the girls had something in common. Silk stockings, for instance. Charlotte's were brown and Louise's black and they compared notes as to the quality, as it was clearly apparent to all onlookers in the balcony of the rotunda, one flight up. Louise has a new ring, too, and wears it outside her glove. When she was not talking with

MAXIM RADIOS TO HAWAII, ANSWERED IN FOUR MINUTES

New Amateur Air Record, It Is Said—Message Leaves Hartford Wednesday Morning, but Reaches Wailuku on Tuesday Evening—Relayed in Minnesota.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 22.—All amateur long distance communication records were said to have been shattered early to-day at the radio station of Hiram Percy Maxim when a radio-gram was sent to Clifford Dow, Wailuku, Hawaiian Islands, and the answer was received in Hartford in four minutes and eighteen seconds. The radio-gram was relayed at Sleepy Eye, Minn., by Lloyd V. Berkner. The distance from Hartford to Sleepy Eye by air line is about 1,200 miles, and from Sleepy Eye to Wailuku approximately 4,000 miles.

The message follows: "From Hartford, Conn., November 22, to Dow, ZCAC, Wailuku, H. I. What is the time there? Maxim."

The answer was: "From Wailuku, H. I., November 21, to Maxim, Hartford, Eleven thirty-five. Dow."

The message left Hartford Wednesday morning and arrived in the Hawaiian Islands on Tuesday night the day previous, as it went part way around the world.

Mr. Maxim was the operator at his station, the call letters of which are 1AW. Mr. Berkner was the operator at Sleepy Eye and Clifford Dow at Wailuku, using the call letters of ZCAC. Fred Schnell, traffic manager of the American Radio Relay League, the headquarters of which is here, acted as timekeeper. No preparation was made previously for the communication.

New records for long distance amateur communications are expected to follow immediately, as many American, Canadian, British, Dutch and French amateurs are preparing for the transatlantic communication tests that will begin December 12 and continue each night until December 21. These tests are being conducted by the American Radio League, whose members cover the United States and Canada.

Charlotte she chatted with Barbara Tough, the older maid, of Scotch birth and sometimes the two talked with Mott's chief aid, Lieut. James F. Mason.

The afternoon session drew to a close without the girls being called. Charlotte was in the jury room for thirty minutes, telling the stories she has told innumerable times since her mother was murdered. Another left before the session began, the body of Raymond Schneider, the lad who was in jail charged with the murder until Schneider recanted. All three will be called the first thing Monday.

Fire Captain Is Witness.

Another witness was Capt. Michael Regan of the fire company, to whom Willie Stevens, Mrs. Hall's brother, is alleged to have said, before the bodies were found, that something terrible had happened. Regan, Mrs. Russell, Jimmie Mills and Charlotte were the only witnesses in the afternoon.

Mills was in the jury room an hour and a quarter. He came out the same tired, despondent little man he has been all through the case. He slowly got into his old overcoat and then took a cigar from the pocket and bit the end off. He started for the door and then remembered something. He took a paper from his pocket and looked at it and then went up to the sheriff's office to collect his witness fee, one dollar and mileage, about one dollar and sixty cents all together.

But for the first time Mills to-night expressed an opinion that the authorities may be on the right track and "have something up their sleeves."

He seemed optimistic and while he would not divulge anything that he has heard from the jurors or any of the questions they asked him he did say that the manner in which he was interrogated convinced him the authorities have progressed further than he had imagined.

Detective Examined Again.

Nine witnesses were called at the morning session. The first was Mrs. Emma Voorhees. As she left her room Detective George Totten was called in and spent about five minutes before the Grand Jury. It was his second examination.

The third and fourth witnesses were Mrs. A. C. Frayley and her daughter, Catherine. The Frayleys live in the farmhouse that directly overlooks the spot at which the bodies were found, and is not more than a hundred yards from the noted erasable tree. Mrs. Frayley told the Grand Jury that she and other members of her family had heard pistol shots on the night of September 14, and that they heard them distinctly, as she was awakened by the sound of the shots. She thinks it was about 9 o'clock, but there was a difference of opinion on this between Mrs. Frayley and her daughter. They remained in the jury room about fifteen minutes.

Sigourney Smith, the grave digger, who lives at the Frayley farm, was called. He too heard shots. Whether he heard anything else or saw any one or anything in the vicinity of the farm or the erasable tree, he does not know, but he told the jury something that interested them considerably.

Couple Hear Shots.

Then came Harry McCabe, tender of the bridge over the Haritan at Landing Lane, who told how his wife and he had retired soon after 10 o'clock, when they heard the sound of two women arguing far away in the direction of the old Phillips farm. He fixed the time by a clock that hung in the stairway and one he had consulted as he and his wife had gone up to their room.

McCabe's story was embellished with considerable detail and he remained in the jury room for more than half an hour. His wife was not called, although she has told several clear stories of what she and her husband heard that night. Norman Tingle, a clerk for the Strong Hardware Company, was the next witness. He and his wife had been sitting on the porch of their home, not far from the old farm. Mrs. Tingle saw a shooting star and commented that some one was due to die soon. About an hour later, some time after 10:30, she both heard a woman's scream and then one shot followed by four in rapid succession. They did not pay much attention, believing it to be some forgotten neighbor in the neighborhood. Tingle was before the Grand Jury about twenty minutes.

The eighth witness was George Spel, the farmer who drove by De Russys Lane on the night of the murder and saw a Ford delivery car turn into the lane from Easton avenue. He told of not finding Mrs. Russell at home and as he came out of the jury room he passed by the negroes. The two did not recognize each other.

Mrs. Russell Wants to Tell Story.

Mrs. Russell sat all during the morning session waiting to tell her story. She wore a new hat and coat and eagerly watched each witness called into the jury room. At the recess she told a reporter that she hoped they would be sure to call her at the afternoon session.

The morning session concluded with the short testimony of Theodore Knothe, official of the S. P. C. A., who had been with Spel to the Russell farm on the night of the murder.

Raymond Schneider, who has pleaded not guilty to two indictments charging him with perjury and a serious offense against Pearl Balmer, aged 15, will be brought to trial in the County Court before Judge Daly on Tuesday, December 5.

Pearl, who was with Schneider on the morning of the finding of the bodies, will be a witness against him. He will be tried first on the perjury indictment. Walter C. Sedam will defend Schneider. He charges that it was under duress that Schneider signed the statement charging Hayes with the crime.

RADIO TALK FROM EUROPE PROMISED

Great Strides in Science Illustrated by Experts Before Engineers.

HIGH SPEED GROWING

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SEA TRAVEL MADE SAFE

New York City Now Center of World Communication Through Air.

Lights winked on and off in the auditorium of the Engineering Societies Building in West Thirty-ninth street last night, vividly accompanying the speech of David Sarnoff, vice-president of the Radio Corporation of America, as he explained the rapidly expanding system of radiograms and radiophones. As each pair of communicating stations was referred to colored lights indicating these stations flashed out momentarily from a world chart, so that the audience had a remarkably effective suggestion of what the distribution of radio power means in these days of high power stations.

Speaking for part of the time on radiotelephony Mr. Sarnoff said that the experiments already made have been very promising. He predicted that in the near future a business man in New York could be assured of telephonic communication with a business man in Europe. The technical developments of the art are principally along the lines of more economical creation of energy and of receiving. Speeds have already been obtained up to 100 words a minute, which means 20 words a minute in both directions are now practicable.

Great Strides at Sea.

"This made it necessary," Mr. Sarnoff said, "to devise some automatic means for recording the signal in place of the ordinary method formerly used of copying by sound from head telephones. This problem has now been solved, and the elusive signals that once were heard faintly in the telephones and were then some foreword are now boldly written out by recording devices which give permanent evidence of the messages taken from the skies."

Speaking of the uses of radio at sea Mr. Sarnoff said that since practically every ship is now equipped it is possible to reach any ship at any time and at any place in the world, and that radio is the greatest contribution to navigation since the invention of the compass.

"Sea travel to-day is really safer than land travel," he said.

He outlined the great commercial radio routes in speaking of the transoceanic feature, and here the colored lights in the world chart twinkled merrily for the detection of the radio engineers and their guests. New York now reaches out to Great Britain, France, Germany and Norway, while San Francisco on the other coast connects with Hawaii and with Japan.

Wonderful Speed Developed.

"Transatlantic cable telegraphy is now fifty years old," said Mr. Sarnoff. "Transatlantic radio is little more than two years old. But the center of the world's communications has been transferred from London to New York. A look at the cable map shows that the great majority of the world's cables terminate in London, whereas the greater majority of the world's radio

FORMER CAMDEN MAN WILL SUCCEED HALL

Rev. J. Mervine Pettit to Be New Brunswick Rector.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
CAMDEN, N. J., Nov. 22.—The Rev. J. Mervine Pettit, formerly of Camden and now of New Brunswick, N. J., will succeed the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall as rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist at New Brunswick, N. J.

The acceptance of the call by the Rev. Mr. Pettit was definitely announced to-day by his family and corroborated by himself later. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Pettit, 2802 Federal street. The call was received by Mr. Pettit after he had preached in the New Brunswick church last Sunday and by the unanimous action of the congregation of the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

Mr. Pettit, who is 35 years old, was formerly employed in the shipping department of the Victor Talking Machine Company here, during which time he studied theology and was a lay reader in St. Stephen's Church.

After being ordained he was appointed to the rectory of Christ Church, El Reno, Okla., from where he went to Bay City, Tex. It was during a visit home that he received an invitation to preach in the New Brunswick church. He will start immediately for his charge in Texas to wind up his affairs and present his resignation.

STOKES NOT BRUTAL, HE SEEKS TO SHOW

Explains Why He Brought Former Wife Into Suit.

As a result of his matrimonial litigation, now three years old, W. E. D. Stokes will apply in the Supreme Court on Tuesday for an order authorizing him to sell property owned by him at 341 West Eighty-sixth street. He accompanied the application filed yesterday with an affidavit and with copies of two letters addressed to Samuel Untermyer, counsel for Mrs. Stokes.

In one of the letters to Mr. Untermyer Mr. Stokes introduces correspondence in the form of copies of letters and telegrams exchanged by him and his former wife, Mrs. Rita Lydz, at various times between 1918 and 1922, and referring largely to money matters. These letters were included, Mr. Stokes said, at his office, 262 West Seventy-second street, yesterday, to show that she could have no justifiable cause of resentment against him either at the time of their divorce or subsequently.

This was brought forward to meet testimony which Stokes has not been able to get stricken from his record that he beat the former Mrs. Stokes. He said also that counsel for the present Mrs. Stokes had demanded a third of the selling price of the house in West Eighty-sixth street as their terms for consent to the sale, and that he would not consent to their request.

HER MONEY IN RADIO AFTER LOSS TO DIER

Woman Says Mrs. Sims Told Her Hoover Was to Head New 'Safe Investment.'

Mrs. Myra Cleveland Harriet Sims, a woman broker charged with having sold stock in a fake radio company, was arraigned before Magistrate Corrigan in West Side Court yesterday and held in \$7,500 bail for the Grand Jury.

Among the representations she is alleged to have made were that Herbert Hoover was to be president of the company, and that she herself was a relation of Admiral Sims, the late President Cleveland and David B. Hill, former Governor of New York.

The complainant is Mrs. Emily Thompson, a hairdresser of 176 East 122d street. She testified that she and her sister had lost money through the failure of E. D. Dier & Co., and were looking for a safe investment when they met Mrs. Sims.

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